

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A large container made of synthetic resin, and comprising:

\_\_\_\_\_ a neck; and

\_\_\_\_\_ a body;body.

\_\_\_\_\_ said the body having a substantially rectangular cross section, and including an upper body and a lower body;body,

\_\_\_\_\_ said the upper body containing having a center of gravity of the container when filled with liquid;liquid,

\_\_\_\_\_ said the upper body having a waist section having a cross-section that is symmetric about two perpendicular axes and containing the center of gravity;gravity,

\_\_\_\_\_ said the waist section having a grip, said the grip being structured not adapted to absorb a negative pressure in the container;container,

\_\_\_\_\_ at least one surface of said the lower body including a vacuum panel, panel, and

\_\_\_\_\_ the waist section having a diameter smaller than a largest diameter of the upper body.

2. (Currently Amended) The container according to claim 1, wherein

\_\_\_\_\_ said the waist section has a height equal to about 20 to 40% of a height of said the upper body.

3. (Currently Amended) The container according to claim 1, wherein

\_\_\_\_\_ said the waist section has a depth of 4 to 15mm relating to the largest diameter of said the upper body.

4. (Currently Amended) The container according to claim 1, wherein  
~~said-the~~ grip has a height not greater than about 33% of a height of ~~said-the~~  
upper body.
5. (Currently Amended) The container according to claim 1, wherein  
~~said-the~~ grip has a width equal to about 35 to 80% of a width of a longer side  
of ~~said-the~~ upper body.
6. (Currently Amended) The container according to claim 1, wherein  
~~said-the~~ grip has a depth of about 5mm or less from a wall of ~~said-the~~ waist  
section.
7. (Currently Amended) The container according to claim 1, wherein  
~~said-the~~ vacuum panel has an area equal to 30.6 to 48.6% of a surface area of  
~~said-the~~ lower body.
8. (Currently Amended) The container according to claim 1, wherein  
~~said-the~~ lower body has a substantially flat label section; and  
~~said-the~~ vacuum panel has an area equal to about 39.3 to 62.4% of an area of  
~~said-the~~ label section.
9. (Currently Amended) The container according to claim 1, wherein  
~~said-the~~ vacuum panel has at least one transversal rib.
10. (Currently Amended) The container according to claim 9, wherein  
~~said-the~~ transversal rib has a width not smaller than 85.0% of a width of ~~said~~  
~~the~~ vacuum panel.
11. (Currently Amended) A large container made of synthetic resin, and  
comprising:  
\_\_\_\_\_ a neck; and  
\_\_\_\_\_ a ~~body~~body,

said the body having a substantially rectangular cross section, and including an upper body and a lower body;body,

said the upper body containing a center of gravity of the container when filled with liquid;liquid,

said the upper body having a rib containing the center of gravity;gravity,

said the rib being structured not adapted to absorb a negative pressure in the container and being structured to surround the container, and

at least one surface of said the lower body including a vacuum panel.

12. (Currently Amended) The container according to claim 11, wherein

said the rib operates as a grip.

13. (Currently Amended) The container according to claim 11, wherein

said the rib has a height equal to about 2 to 10% of a height of said the upper body.

14. (Currently Amended) The container according to claim 11, wherein

said the rib has a depth of 2 to 5mm relating to the largest diameter of said the upper body.

15. (Currently Amended) The container according to claim 11, wherein

said the vacuum panel has an area equal to 23.3 to 42.0% of a surface area of said the lower body.

16. (Currently Amended) The container according to claim 11, wherein

said the lower body has a substantially flat label section; and

said the vacuum panel has an area equal to about 31.3 to 56.2% of an area of said the label section.

17. (Currently Amended) The container according to claim 11, wherein

said the vacuum panel has at least one transversal rib.

18. (Currently Amended) The container according to claim 17, wherein  
~~said~~the transversal rib has a width not smaller than 85.0% of a width of ~~said~~  
the vacuum panel.

19. (New) The container according to claim 1, wherein the cross section of the  
waist section is at least partially arcuate.

20. (New) The container according to claim 11, wherein the cross section of the  
rib is symmetric about two perpendicular axes and is at least partially arcuate.